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SUBJ: IREX SCHOLARS AND ARCHIVAL ACCESS

1. DURING THEIR JANUARY VISIT TO USSR, IREX OFFICIALS KASSOF AND MATUSZEWSKI RAISED SUBJECT OF ACCESS TO NEWSPAPER DEPOSITORY AT KHIMKI, WHICH THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED WAS IN AREA CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS. MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (MHE) WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT NEW DEPOSITORY, LOCATED IN AREA JUST BEYOND MOSCOW RING ROAD MIGHT BE IN CLOSED AREA. MHE OFFICIALS PROMISED AT THAT TIME TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF HOW IREX SCHOLARS, WHOSE RESEARCH REQUIRES USE OF NEWSPAPERS KEPT THERE, COULD OBTAIN ACCESS.

2. MHE REP INFORMED EMBOFF FEBRUARY FOUR THAT NEWSPAPER DEPOSITORY WAS INDEED IN CLOSED AREA AND NEWSPAPERS NEEDED BY VISITING SCHOLARS WOULD BE DELIVERED TO READING ROOM IN LENIN LIBRARY. SCHOLARS MUST PROVIDE LIST OF WHAT THEY NEED AND CAN THEN EXPECT TO WAIT APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS TO RECEIVE MATERIALS.

3. EMBOFF HAS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL IREX GRANTEES HAD VISITED KHIMKI DEPOSITORY EARLIER WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANY DIFFICULTIES FROM DEPOSITORY AUTHORITIES OR POLICE.

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EMB ASSUMES THAT, NOW THAT SUBJECT OF ACCESS HAS BEEN

RAISED, AUTHORITIES MAY BE MORE ALERT TO PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS IN KHIMKI AREA AND, HENCE, ALL EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS ARE BEING ADVISED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO VISIT DEPOSITORY.

4. EXCHANGEES REPORT THAT THREE-DAY WAIT FOR NEWSPAPERS HAS NOT REPRESENTED SERIOUS PROBLEM. INCOMPLETE CATALOGING OF DEPOSITORY HOLDINGS HAS, HOWEVER, CAUSED SOME DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING DESIRED MATERIALS.

5. COMMENT: PERHAPS THE MOST NOTEWORTH ASPECT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS WAS COMPLETE UNAWARENESS ON PART OF PERSONS AT MHE RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFICIAL US-USSR EXCHANGES THAT THIS ARCHIVE, SO CLEARLY VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH BY EXCHANGEES, WAS LOCATED IN CLOSED AREA. THIS FACT RAISES QUESTIONS CONCERNING HOW AND WHY DECISION WAS MADE TO PLACE DEPOSITORY IN KHIMKI. WILL ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE AND REPORT AS APPROPRIATE.

6. REQUEST CU/EE INFORM IREX BASED ON PARAS ONE, TWO. STOESSEL

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